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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KOJI TOKUDA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: YANG, J.
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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :
PRODUCING REDUCED METAL

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2009, Applicants request the reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 15-16, for the reasons set forth below.